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Assignee Name: International Business Machines Corporation
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

Inventors: Allen, et al.

For: System and Method for Efficient Management of Fibre Channel Communication

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